

## POLICE LEAD THE FIRE ON MARINES IS STRONG BELIEF

Natives Not Unfriendly to Americans, According to Official Opinion.

Washington, D. C., April 22.—Natural features of the city of Veracruz and the character of the buildings along the waterfront there were largely responsible for the loss of life of the American bluejackets and marines who landed there Tuesday. The police have been most active. This opinion was expressed by government officials who are familiar with the captured city.

Between the bay and the line of two-story buildings which face it is a vacant space of about 200 yards of beach open to fire from house to house. The custom house, which can only be reached by crossing the open space, stands in this solid group of buildings at the end of one of the two piers where the foreign merchant ships land.

High Ceilings Favor Sharpshooters. Like most of the structures in the southern countries the flat roofed buildings with their high ceilings form a veritable fortification from which riflemen may pick off those below in comparative safety, sheltered by the high wall which surrounds the edge of the roof. As the blocks are practically solid, quite a formidable troop can be mustered on the top of a square of buildings.

It was from this protected position that the Mexican troops opened fire on the bluejackets and marines. Remains of city is pretty. The remainder of the city, with its brick and plaster houses and its straight asphalted streets makes a pretty picture. Trees are scarce their growth having been discouraged since the yellow fever epidemic, but the principal avenue, which stretches the entire length of the town and out into the suburbs, is lined with coco palms. The principal business street as well is bordered by rows of palms and almond trees.

Natural Fortification Saved Marines. Along the wharves, the buildings are uniformly brick, two stories and flat roofed. This natural fortification, officials who have recently returned from Veracruz believe, saved the lives of many of the bluejackets and marines as well as Mexicans, although the landing division was made up of some of Uncle Sam's marines.

Mexican people as a whole, these officials declare, were not unfriendly to the United States soldiers and demonstrations which have occurred can be traced directly to police. Many of the inhabitants of Ver-

## DESTROYERS MAKE GREAT SCORES IN NIGHT PRACTICE

Ships Steaming Through Darkness Make 3 Bulseyes at 3000 Yards.

San Diego, Cal., April 22.—Having made what naval officers here pronounced today the most wonderful score ever achieved by a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers in the history of the navy target practice, the destroyers Whipple, Paul Jones, Stewart, Crutcher and Perry have returned to San Diego harbor from the drill grounds off Coronado Island.

Steam is being kept up on the crafts and officers and men are ready to sail to Mexico immediately upon receiving orders. Torpedoes Hit Targets. Steaming through the night at 15 knots an hour, and firing at a 120 foot target 3000 yards distant, the Whipple, Perry and Paul Jones scored three perfect bullseyes with their whitehead torpedoes out of an array of shots. The Stewart and Crutcher made one and a half hits, each being penalized half a hit for infraction of firing regulations. Bluejackets manning the searchlights were ignorant of the location of the targets and had to pick them up before the gunpointers could do their work.

To cap the climax the Whipple's gunners scored 14 hits out of 22 shots with the three inch guns, firing at a bobbing target half mile off.

crux, unlike most Mexican cities, carry a strong taint of black blood and the negro type is common among the citizens, though the negro himself is rare.

## SCOUT CRUISER AND MEN ORDERED SOUTH

Philadelphia, Pa., April 22.—Orders were received at the Philadelphia navy yard today for the scout cruiser Salem to sail for Tampico as soon as she can be prepared. Commandant Benson, of the navy yard, said the cruiser would get away on Sunday. The Salem will be in charge of commander H. H. Christy and will carry 254 men. It is one of the fastest boats in the navy. When ordered to sea at the yard began loading provisions today on the battleship Ohio and the Cruiser Tennessee. It was said the Ohio would be the next vessel ordered to Mexican waters.

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## HUERTA KEPT HIS PEOPLE IGNORANT OF U. S. TROUBLE

Censorship So Complete that Nothing Unfavorable Became Public.

Mexico City, Mex., April 15.—(Via Havana) April 22.—The following dispatch was sent to Havana so as to avoid the censorship which is more strict than at any time heretofore. Everything is watched by a censor chosen from among the most reliable and intelligent men in the government telegraph service. These censors frankly inform would-be senders of dispatches that it is not a question of veracity of the messages, nor whether they disclose military movements, but is merely a question of suppressing all news not favorable to the government.

"Code messages are absolutely prohibited with the exception of bank telegrams. The banks of Mexico succeeded in having the embargo on these messages raised, but only after they have proved that the detention of the dispatches would seriously embarrass the financial department of the government."

Newspapermen Threatened. Newspaper correspondents were given to understand that if they were detected in using subterfuge to avoid the censorship they would find themselves in jail.

While Nelson O'Shaughnessy was acting as the messenger of the United States government to provisional president Huerta in the endeavor to avert war between the two countries, more than 99 percent of the Mexican residents in the federal capital went about their affairs in total ignorance of the crisis.

## KEPT PUBLIC IN THE DARK

"General Huerta and his official family cleverly concealed from their intimate friends all knowledge of strained relations between Mexico and the United States. The general public was even more in the dark, almost columns of glowing accounts of victories by the federal armies in the north were being printed.

"Reports of federal successes said to have occurred at places far beyond the limits of telegraph lines were printed broadcast the dispatch, announced with great display that general Villa had been captured.

Zapata Assassination. "The railroad ceased some time ago carrying freight to the south, as the limited supply of fuel oil on hand made it necessary to conserve it for the movement of military trains.

"Considerable apprehension has been aroused in the capital by the move-

ments of Emiliano Zapata, the rebel leader in the south, who after gaining undisputed possession of the state of Guerrero with the exception of the port of Acapulco, has shown indications of moving northward. The southern rebels have recently gained considerably in number, and it is feared that they may become formidable enough to venture an attack on the federal capital.

## FOREIGN WARSHIPS WATCHING MEXICO

11 Ships of Other Nations, Scattered Along Mexican Coast, Have Personnel of 4,408 Men.

Washington, D. C., April 22.—Eleven foreign warships, other than those of the United States, are scattered along the Mexican coast, according to an official list made public by the navy department today.

They have a total of 14,156 tons and a personnel of 4,408 men. Four of these vessels are stationed at Veracruz. They are the French cruiser, "Des Carres," with 3,555 tons, 175 men and four 4.1 inch guns and ten 2.9 inch guns on her main battery.

The English armored cruiser, "Essex," of 2,300 tons, 450 men and 14 six inch guns; the Spanish cruiser Carlos V., of 2,900 tons, 400 men and two 11.2 inch guns, eight 2.5 inch guns and four 4.1 inch guns; and the German cruiser "Dresden," of 2,572 tons, 344 men and ten 4.1 inch guns. The others are described as follows:

At Tampico.—The English cruiser "Hermione," of 2,300 tons and 214 men and two 4.1 inch guns and eight 4.7 inch guns; at Puerto, the British cruiser "Lancaster," of 2,800 tons, 452 men and 14 six inch guns; at Ensenada, the British gunboat "Algerin," of 1,500 tons, 106 men and six 4-inch guns.

At Manzanillo.—Japanese "Idemitsu," of 2,300 tons, 450 men and four 4-inch guns and 14 six inch guns; at Guaymas, the French armored cruiser "Montcalm," of 2,517 tons, 310 men and seven 6-inch guns and six 4-inch guns; at Mazatlan, the Mexican cruiser "Guerra," of 2,450 tons, 295 men and 4.1 inch guns; and at Acapulco the British ship of war, "Hawwater," of 900 tons, 130 men and four 4-inch guns.

## DEAD MARINES ARE ALL EASTERN MEN

Washington, D. C., April 22.—All of the three marines killed in the first fighting at Veracruz enlisted in the eastern states and their relatives live on the Atlantic seaboard.

Coxswain John F. Shoemaker was a son of Mrs. Isabella McKinnon, of Brooklyn. He was born in Brooklyn, December 5, 1895. He first enlisted in the navy November 20, 1907, and was discharged December 4, 1912. He reenlisted the next day on the Hancock, at New York, later was transferred to the Florida.

Seaman George Polnasek was a son of William P. Polnasek, of Philadelphia. He was born in Philadelphia, April 1, 1894, and enlisted in that city, June 6, 1912. He was assigned to the Florida from the training school at Newport, R. I.

Marine private Alysius Haggerty was a son of Michael Haggerty, of Cambridge, Mass. His first enlistment was on July 24, 1898. He served until July 22, 1910, and was discharged at the end of enlistment with a certificate of excellent character. He reenlisted January 15, 1913, at Boston on the battleship Utah and was attached to the eighth company, second regiment, advance brigade.

## INDIANS TO SERVE AS SCOUTS FOR ARMY

Tucson, Ariz., April 22.—Papago and Pima Indians may fight under the United States colors in Mexico. A representative of the Indian Bureau has been sent here by commissioner Cato Wells to recruit the Indians of the Pima and Papago reservations as a regiment of scouts and native soldiers to precede the American army in Mexico. The Indians of the reservations near here are eager to enlist and will be uniformed and mounted here before they are mobilized for service.

## MISSIONARIES ARE TOLD TO COME HOME

New York, April 22.—American missionaries in the interior of Mexico have been ordered to come home. This order was contained in a telegram sent by the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church in this city to Dr. J. W. Butler, the board's representative in Mexico City.

A reply received from Dr. Butler late Tuesday stated that a large number of American missionaries were already en route to the coast.

## BLISS ORDERS TROOP OF CAVALRY TO YUMA

Phoenix, Ariz., April 22.—Gen. Tasker H. Bliss has wired from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to Governor Hunt, saying he had authorized the commanding officer at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to send a troop of cavalry by rail to Yuma.

This is for the protection of irrigation canals and other property along the Colorado river in the vicinity. Before receiving this message Governor Hunt had ordered two companies of state militia to Yuma.

## TWO BATTLESHIPS EQUIP FOR CRUISE

Boston, Mass., April 22.—Activity at the Charleston navy yard, which began Monday with the receipt of orders to prepare the battleships Virginia, Nebraska and Georgia for service in Mexican waters, continued today.

The Georgia left dry dock today and took on a quantity of ammunition. The Virginia also received a supply of ammunition after her bunkers had been filled with coal.

## JAPANESE WILL BE STRICTLY NEUTRAL

Tokyo, Japan, April 22.—Japanese government officials declared that the attitude of the Japanese government in the Mexican situation is one of strict neutrality.

## DENIES U. S. SOLDIERS ARE HELD AT NACO

Bisbee, Ariz., April 22.—Col. John C. O'Shaughnessy, commander of the 8th troops at Fort Huachuca, denied Tuesday night that any United States soldiers had been captured by Mexican rebels across the border from Naco.

It had been reported earlier that a detachment of ex-army men on patrol duty had inadvertently crossed the line and had been disarmed and made prisoners.

## DENIES THAT CARRANZA AND VILLA WILL JOIN HUERTA

Washington, D. C., April 22.—Reports reaching official circles late Tuesday night that Gen. Carranza and Gen. Villa were about to join with the Huerta government to make common cause against the United States, caused John F. Brandt, secretary in charge of the Mexican rebel agency here, to issue this statement:

"Reports that Gen. Carranza and certain of his subordinates had assumed an attitude hostile to the policy of president Wilson is without foundation."

## BATTLESHIP MINNESOTA AND MARINES ARRIVE

Washington, D. C., April 22.—Rear Admiral Badger has reported the arrival at Veracruz of the battleship Minnesota and the naval transport Hancock, with marines from New Orleans.

These ships had stopped at Tampico where they were ordered to proceed to the city and to remain until they had been ordered to control the situa-

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